



NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION  
TOWN OF SHERIDAN, MONTANA  
2019 WATER SYTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

June 4, 2019

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the above-named project. The project consists of installing approximately 6,400 feet of 6-inch to 10-inch water distribution pipe replacement, 3,300 feet of water service line replacement, installing approximately 4,800 feet of new 10-inch to 12-inch transmission main from the town's new water supply well and all associated valves, meters, fittings, backflow devices, fire hydrants, service connections, and surface replacement. The project will also install a new emergency backup generator, new SCADA control system, variable frequency drives for the well pumps and safety improvements to the existing water storage tank.

The proposed water main and service line installation work will occur primarily at the following locations:

- Water Street - between Park Street and Main Street
- Crofoot Street - between Main Street and Madison Street
- Bieler Lane - between Mill Street and Tolson Lane
- Rail Line Road (two track dirt) - between Duncan District Road and Poppleton Street
- Mill Street (services only) - between Madison Street and Honey Lane
- Wisconsin Creek Road – 340 feet of main either side of 18 Wisconsin Creek Road

The new transmission main will be installed primarily along the existing railroad right-of-way between the new water supply well and the northeast corner of the town. The new generator will be placed adjacent to the new well located just south of the Cary Lane and West of the rail line. The tank improvements will occur at the existing water storage tank located south of Kearney Lane.

Pursuant to ARM 17.40.318, the Department has concluded that the proposed project meets the Categorical Exclusion criteria of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). The Categorical Exclusion may be revoked if the project is not initiated within the time period specified in the planning documents, a new or modified application is submitted, new evidence demonstrates serious local or environmental issues exist, or state, local, tribal, or federal laws are violated.

The documentation for the Categorical Exclusion is available for public review at the following locations:

Department of Environmental Quality  
State Revolving Fund Loan Program  
1520 East Sixth Avenue  
Helena, MT 59601

Town of Sheridan  
103 East Hamilton Street  
Sheridan, MT 59749

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark A. Smith", is written over a horizontal line.

Mark Smith, DWSRF Engineering Manager  
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